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Docket No. 1232-5564

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Tadashi OKAMOTO	Confirmation No.:	8048
Serial No.:	10/518,559	Group Art Unit:	1634
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For:	METHOD OF ANALYZING SUBSTANCE ON SUBSTRATE BY MASS SPECTROMETRY		

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Official Action dated July 24, 2008, the applicants submit herewith a request for continued examination (RCE) and respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In addition, the applicant(s) have petitioned for a three (3) months extension of time and paid concurrently herewith the appropriate fee for extending the period of response up to and including January 24, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.